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LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE

PORTLAND DAILY PRESS.

Wednesday Morning, December 19, 1866.

WASHINGTON.

Opinion of Judge Fisher in the

Case of Conover.

Reappearance of Cholera at

Constantinople.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.

Proposals called for by the Indian Bureau

for furnishing Indian robes throughout the

West with goods, etc., have been laid before

the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Admission is expected in a day or two.

In the Board of Aldermen last night, Mr.

Trumbull introduced a joint resolution praying

Congress to repeal all acts establishing the

present method of government for the District

of Columbia, and asking the appointment of

Commissioners and for the consolidation of the

municipalities under them. The matter was

referred to a special committee.

To-day, Judge Fisher in the Criminal Court,

gave his opinion on the case of Sanford Con-

over, who was charged with the murder of the

President Lincoln. The Judge overruled the

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XXXIX CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.

Mr. Johnson presented the credentials of Mr.

James, Senator elect from Arkansas for six

years, commencing March 4, 1867, which were

ordered to be laid on the table.

Senator Johnson presented a memorial of the

Union League of Norfolk, Va., for the

establishment of a territorial government in Vir-

ginia, and for the appointment of Judge Under-

wood as Governor. Referred to the Reconstruction

Committee.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of a

number of foreigners who declared their inten-

tion of asking that the right of suffrage be

extended to them. Referred to the Committee

on the District of Columbia.

Partitions for increased pay of army officers

were presented and referred.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition of Charles

O'Connor and of others for increase of pay to

United States Judges. Referred to the Judi-

ciary Committee.

Mr. Trumbull presented a memorial of the

Louisiana asking for the overthrow

of the existing State Government there, and

the establishment of a provisional government.

Instead, the memorial is signed by Governor

Wells and other prominent persons.

Mr. Trumbull spoke at some length on the

subject, and said he presumed that Mr. Davis

intended to remove the Louisiana case from

the calendar, and for the consideration of the

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